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Comcast/NBCUniversal Statement on H.R. 3261

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“We applaud Chairman Smith on the introduction of the Stop Online Piracy Act, an important step forward that recognizes that a vibrant digital economy is critical to American job creation and innovation. We join with other Internet service providers, sports leagues, networks and studios, and a host of other labor unions, guilds, and industries in our recognition of how critical it is to deter and reduce digital crime and urge the prompt consideration of this important legislation.

Our broadband customers will continue to access and enjoy all legal content. The Stop Online Piracy Act is narrowly targeted to only illegal streaming activities or rogue websites found by a court to be engaged in trademark counterfeiting or illegally reproducing or distributing material protected by copyright. Thus, this legislation, if enacted, would protect the Internet as an engine of innovation and economic growth, rather than as an environment that allows digital theft and counterfeiting to thrive.

We are grateful to Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Conyers, Representatives Goodlatte, Berman, Blackburn, Bono-Mack, Chabot, Deutch, Gallegly, Griffin, Ross and Terry, for co-sponsoring the bill and for their leadership and we are committed to working with the Judiciary Committee on remaining issues as this legislation moves forward.”